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the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, as statutory advisors to the NSC, shall attend NSC meetings, as will the Chief of Staff to the President and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The Secretary of the Treasury normally will attend NSC meetings, except that on occasions when the subject matter so indicates, he will be asked not to attend. The Attorney General will be invited to attend meetings pertaining to his jurisdiction, including covert actions. I intend to invite the heads of other Executive departments and agencies, the special statutory advisors to the NSC, and other senior officials to attend meetings of the NSC where appropriate in light of the issues to be discussed. (U)

3. The NSC shall meet regularly at my direction. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs shall be responsible, at my direction and in consultation with the Secretaries of State and Defense, for determining the agenda and ensuring that the necessary papers are prepared. (U)

B. The NSC Principals Committee (NSC/PC) (C)

1. An NSC Principals Committee (NSC/PC) is hereby established as the senior interagency forum for consideration of policy issues affecting national security. The NSC/PC shall review, coordinate, and monitor the development and implementation of national security policy. (C)

2. The NSC/PC shall have as its members the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (who shall serve as Chairman), the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as the Chief of Staff to the President. Participation of the Secretary of the Treasury and of the Attorney General will be governed by the guidelines in paragraph A.2. above. In consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, the Assistant to the President may invite the heads of other Executive departments and agencies, the special statutory advisors to the NSC, and other senior officials to attend meetings of the NSC/PC where appropriate in light of the issues to be discussed. (C)

3. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs shall be responsible, in consultation with the Secretaries of State and Defense, for calling meetings of the NSC/PC, for determining the agenda, and for ensuring that the necessary papers are prepared. (C)

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